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LETTER DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the communiqué issued in Monrovia on 15 February 1994 at the conclusion of a meeting between the Liberian parties to the Cotonou Agreement of 25 July 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) William BULL
Permanent Representative

Annex

Communiqué issued on 15 February 1994 at the conclusion of the meeting of the Liberian parties in Monrovia

The Liberian parties to the Cotonou Agreement of 25 July 1993 met on Tuesday, 15 February 1994, in Monrovia. The meeting was facilitated by the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative for Liberia, Mr. Trevor Gordon-Somers, and the Eminent Person of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), former President Canaan Banana. Also in attendance was a delegation from Benin representing President Soglo, current Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), led by Minister Theodore Holo; and the ECOWAS Military Observer Group (ECOMOG) Field Commander, Major-General John Inienger.

The following representatives of the Liberian parties were present at the meeting:

For the Interim Government of National Unity (IGNU)

Mr. Roosevelt G. Jayjay	Chairman of the delegation
Mr. Conmany B. Wesseh	Member
Mr. Abdoulaye Dukule	Member
Mr. Brownie J. Samukai, Jr.	Member
Colonel Thomas G. S. Doeway	Member

For the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL/NPRAG)

Mr. John T. Richardson	Chairman of the delegation
Mr. Laveli Supuwood	Member
Mr. Roland C. Massaquoi	Member
Mr. John Cummings	Member
Mr. Joe W. Mulbah	Member

For the United Liberation Government for Democracy in Liberia

Mr. Harry Nayou	Chairman of the delegation
Gen. Roosevelt Johnson	Member
Mr. D. L. Maxwell Kaba	Member
Mr. Isaac Bai Karlar	Member
Mr. Isaac Quawah	Member

The parties reached agreement with respect to the outstanding military and political issues.

Military

In accordance with article 21 of section K of the Cotonou Agreement, after the presentations by the ECOMOG Field Commander and the United Nations Chief Military Observer on the planned joint reconnaissance missions and the deployment concept and schedule for ECOMOG and the United Nations Observer

Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL), the parties agreed to provide within 48 hours to ECOMOG and UNOMIL the following information required for the preparation of schedules of implementation for disarmament: (a) numbers and locations of combatants; (b) numbers of weapons, including artillery; (c) location of mines; (d) number of prisoners of war; and (e) designation of liaison officials. The parties also agreed to the schedule of the joint UNOMIL/ECOMOG reconnaissance missions in their respective areas.

Political

The parties reaffirmed that the Cotonou Agreement provides the best framework for durable peace in Liberia. In this connection, they reiterated their total commitment to the implementation of the Cotonou Agreement. The parties accepted IGNU's nomination of Councillor Philip A. Z. Banks to replace Mr. Bismarck Kuyon on the Council of State. The parties also agreed that the Council of State should hold elections to select officers of the Council. IGNU informed the parties that it would appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy in the Elections Commission, created by the resignation of Mr. Patrick Seyon, Co-Chairman of the Commission and an IGNU appointee. ULIMO indicated that a second member would take up his position this week. With regard to the timetable for general elections, the parties agreed that free and fair elections would be held on 7 September 1994. Regarding the disposition of the Cabinet posts of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Finance and Defence, the parties agreed to continue their consultations with a view to resolving this issue, while awaiting advice from ECOWAS, OAU and the United Nations.

The ECOMOG Field Commander and the United Nations Chief Military Observer informed the parties that full deployment of ECOMOG and UNOMIL throughout Liberia would be completed by 7 March 1994 and that they would begin the lifting of arms from the combatants. The parties therefore agreed that the installation of the Liberian National Transitional Government would take place on 7 March 1994.

The parties stressed in particular their sincere appreciation for the efforts made by the current Chairman of ECOWAS, President Nicéphore Soglo; the ECOMOG Field Commander, Major-General John Inienger; the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, Trevor Gordon-Somers; and the OAU Eminent Person, former President Canaan Banana, to ensure the implementation of the Cotonou Agreement and the full restoration of peace in Liberia.

DONE AT MONROVIA, 15 February 1994

SIGNED:

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Mr. John T. RICHARDSON
NPFL/NPRAG

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FOR ULIMO

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